



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement seeking the following records:

“(A)ny investigative reports, memos or other documents regarding the arrest, investigation, or detention of Leigh Van Bryan and Emily Bunting, who were reportedly arrested and detained by DHS in mid-January, 2010, for certain messages on the Twitter social network.”

On behalf of the Chief for the Government Information Law Division, we acknowledge your appeal request of **2012FOIA5441** and are assigning it number **OPLA12-442** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.<sup>1</sup> While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact ICE FOIA at 1-202-732-0600, or by email at [ice-foia@dhs.gov](mailto:ice-foia@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mathias", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Mathias  
Chief  
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ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor  
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<sup>1</sup> Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.